UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

JENNIFER YANCEY,	
	Case No.
Plaintiff,	
	Wayne County Circuit Court Case No.
V.	No. 14-012804-CK

STERLING JEWELERS, INC.,

Defendant.

MICHIGAN CONSUMER CREDIT LAWYERS

By: Gary D. Nitzkin (P41155) And: Travis Shackelford (P68710) Attorneys for Plaintiff 22142 West Nine Mile Road Southfield, MI 48033

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BRAUN KENDRICK FINKBEINER P.L.C

By: Jamie Hecht Nisidis (P48969)

Attorneys for Defendant

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NOTICE OF REMOVAL

NOW COMES the Defendant, Sterling Jewelers, Inc., by its Attorneys, Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C., and as grounds for removal states as follows:

1. Plaintiff, Jennifer Yancey, commenced the above-captioned action on or about October 3, 2014, by filing a Complaint in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, entitled *Jennifer Yancey v. Sterling Jewelers, Inc.*, Case No. 14-012804-CK. Said action is now pending in that Court.

- 2. On or about October 16, 2014, Plaintiff served a copy of the Complaint upon Defendant. Receipt of the Complaint on that date was Defendant's first notice of the existence of a pleading containing a claim for relief asserted by Plaintiff which could be removed to this Court. A copy of the Complaint and Service of Process Transmittal are annexed hereto as **Exhibit A**.
- 3. Due to a possible defect in the original service of process, the Complaint was re-served on Defendant on October 24, 2014. A copy of the Complaint and Second Service of Process Transmittal are attached as **Exhibit B**.
- 4. Plaintiff's Complaint against Defendant is a civil action over which this Honorable Court would have original jurisdiction when it was instituted and of which this Honorable Court has original jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1331 and is one which may be removed to this Honorable Court by Defendants pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1441. This action is founded upon a claim or right arising under the laws of the United States in that it involves the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, 47 U.S.C. §227 et seq. ("TCPA") for the reason that Plaintiff alleges at paragraphs 13-17 of the Complaint that Defendant violated her rights under the TCPA.
- 5. This Notice of Removal is filed within the time period provided by 29 U.S.C. §1446(b) and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

6. Upon the filing of this Notice of Removal, Defendant shall give

written notice thereof to Gary D. Nitzkin, attorney for Plaintiff, and Defendant

shall file copies of said Notice of Removal with the Court Clerk of the Wayne

County Circuit Court, Detroit, Michigan, attached hereto as Exhibit C.

7. By filing this Notice, Defendant does not waive any defenses which

may be available to it, specifically including, but not limited to, improper service

of process and the absence of venue in this Court or in the Court from which this

action has been removed.

WHEREFORE, Defendant requests that the above-captioned action now

pending against it in the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Michigan, be

removed from said Court to the United States District Court for the Eastern District

of Michigan, wherein it shall proceed as an action originally commenced therein.

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BRAUN KENDRICK FINKBEINER P.L.C.

Dated: November 7, 2014.

By: s/Jamie Hecht Nisidis

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Exhibit A



Service of Process **Transmittal**

10/16/2014

CT Log Number 525896429

TO:

George Frankovich, VP, Secy. & Gen Counsel

Sterling Inc. 375 Ghent Road Fairlawn, OH 44333-

RE:

Process Served in Michigan

FOR:

Sterling Jewelers Inc. (Domestic State: DE)

ENCLOSED ARE COPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION:

Jennifer Yancey, Pltf. vs. Sterling Jewelers, Inc., Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED:

Letter, Summons, Return of Service, Complaint

COURT/AGENCY:

3rd Circuit Court, Wayne County, MI Case # 14012804CK

NATURE OF ACTION:

Plaintiff files complaint against defendant for the violation of the telephone

consumer protection act

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED:

The Corporation Company, Bingham Farms, MI

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE

By Certified Mail on 10/16/2014 postmarked: "Not Post Marked"

JURISDICTION SERVED :

Michigan

APPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE:

Within 28 days after the receipt of summons

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S):

Gary D. Nitzkin Nitzkin & Associates 22142 West Nine Mile Road Southfield, MI 48033 248-353-2882

ACTION ITEMS:

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Email Notification, George Frankovich gfrankovich@jewels.com

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SIGNED: ADDRESS: The Corporation Company 30600 Telegraph Road

Suite 2345

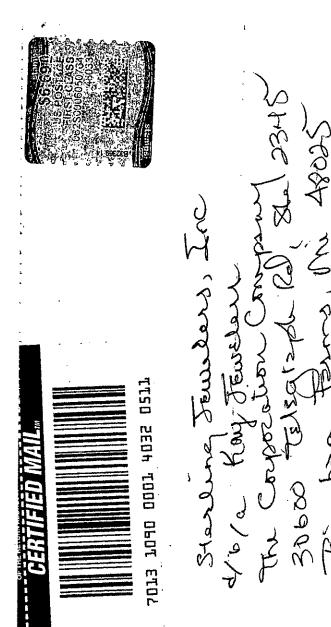
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Date	Signa	ture of attorney/p	laintiff	

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THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WAYNE COUNTY

RETURN OF SERVICE

CASE NO. 14-012804-CK

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-VS.-

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Respectfully submitted,

September 29, 2014

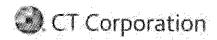
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Attorneys for Plaintiff

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TO:

Service of Process Transmittal 10/24/2014

CT Log Number 525950370

George Frankovich, VP, Secy. & Gen Counsel

Sterling Inc. 375 Ghent Road Fairlawn, OH 44333-

RE: Process Served in Michigan

FOR: Sterling Jewelers Inc. (Domestic State: DE)

ENGLOSED ARE GOPIES OF LEGAL PROCESS RECEIVED BY THE STATUTORY AGENT OF THE ABOVE COMPANY AS FOLLOWS:

TITLE OF ACTION: Jennifer Yancey, Pltf. vs. Sterling Jewelers, Inc., Dft.

DOCUMENT(S) SERVED: Letter, Summons, Return of Service, Complaint

COURT/AGENCY: 3rd Circuit Court, Wayne County, MI

Case # 14012804CK

NATURE OF ACTION: Violation of the telephone consumer protection act

ON WHOM PROCESS WAS SERVED: The Corporation Company, Bingham Farms, MI

DATE AND HOUR OF SERVICE: By Certified Mail on 10/24/2014 postmarked on 10/22/2014

JURISDICTION SERVED: Michigan

AFPEARANCE OR ANSWER DUE: Within 28 days after service (Document(s) may contain additional answer dates)

ATTORNEY(S) / SENDER(S): Gary D. Nitzkin

Nitzkin & Associates 22142 West Nine Mile Road Southfield, MI 48033

248-353-2882

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ADDRESS: 30600 Telegraph Road

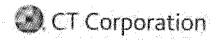
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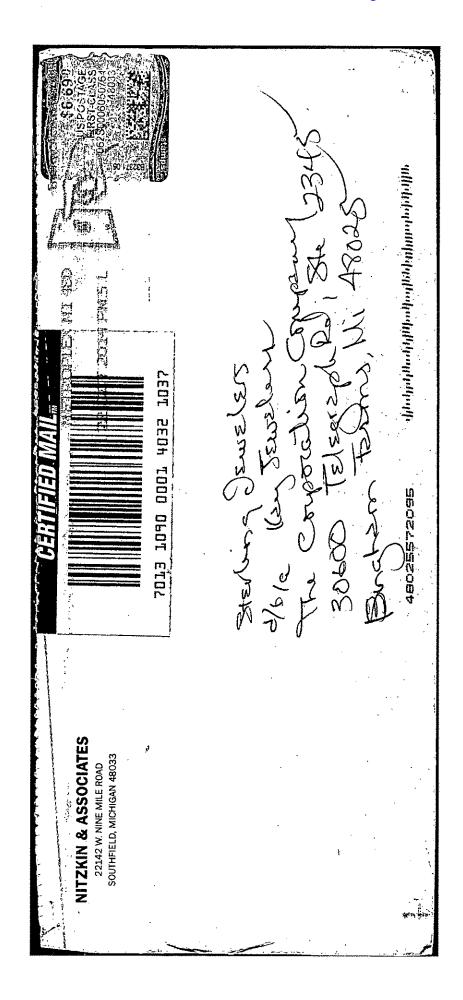
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STATE OF MICHIGAN THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WAYNE COUNTY

SUMMONS AND RETURN OF SERVICE

CASE NO. 14-012804-CK

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Exhibit C

STATE OF MICHIGAN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF WAYNE

JENNIFER YANCEY,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 14-012804-CK

v.

STERLING JEWELERS, INC.,

Defendant.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendant Sterling Jewelers, Inc. has removed this cause to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, (the "District Court"). A copy of the Notice of Removal with the pleadings filed with the District Court is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**.

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Dated: November 7, 2014

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